

NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a RECIRCULATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR TIMBERLAND CONVERSION CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FROM: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as lead agency, has drafted a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** in compliance the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined that this project, described below, will not have a significant effect on the environment. Changes have been made to the project that warrant recirculation of the original document for additional public comment (first circulated in January 2006).

Project Name: Abreu Vineyard Timberland Conversion (Permit Number 554)

Project Description: The project consists of the issuance of Timberland Conversion Permit (TCP) for exemption from California Forest Practice Rules' restocking requirements following removal of forest growth on 17 acres of timberland for the establishment of a vineyard. The project also requires CAL FIRE's approval of a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) #1-05-212NAP. The State Clearinghouse Number is **2006012052**.

Project Location: The Project is located at Las Posadas Road, Angwin CA, 94562, near the intersection of Cold Springs and Las Posadas Roads in Napa County. The project's legal location is: portion of Section(s) 5 & 8, T8N, R5W MDB&M and APN #024-300-069 & 066.

Public Comment: If you wish to comment, you may do so by sending your written comments to CAL FIRE at the Sacramento address below or to: **SacramentoPublicComment@fire.ca.gov** within the **review period ending April 22, 2010**. You may also submit written comments during the THP public comment period. Contact Santa Rosa Forest Practice at (707) 576-2959 to determine THP status. All comments received on both the TCP and THP will be considered prior to project approval. **Be sure to state the project name/number on all correspondence.** The CEQA document may be reviewed at either address below or may be viewed on the CAL FIRE web site at http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_EPRP_PublicNotice.php. The **complete records** for the Timberland Conversion or THP phases of this project are only available at the appropriate locations below.

Offices of Record for Document and Official File Review:

Conversion Records

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Environmental Protection - Conversions
P. O. Box 944246, 1416 9th Street
Sacramento, California 94244-2460
Telephone: 916-657-0300

THP Records

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
135 Ridgway Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401
Telephone: 707-576-2959

Recirculated

INITIAL STUDY
AND
PROPOSED
MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(SCH # 2006012052).

for

Abreu Vineyard Conversion
Timberland Conversion Permit # 554
Timber Harvest Plan # 1-05-212 NAP
and
Erosion Control Plan # P05-03776-ECPA

This project involves the conversion of 17 acres of timberland to vineyard in North Central Napa County, adjacent to Pacific Union College, near Angwin. A habitat retention area of 37 acres will be established. This Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration is being recirculated for public comment and addresses additional potentially significant effects and changes to the project since the original comment period in 2006 (SCH # 2006012052).

The attached CD contains changes and updates made to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Timber Harvest Plan 1-05-212 NAP, Timber Conversion Permit Application #554 and Napa County Erosion Control Plan P05-03776-ECPA.

These changes and additions include:

- Additional biological resource assessment report by Wetland Research Associates, page 184.12.
- Addition of a wetlands delineation and assessment by Wetlands Research Associates, page 184.68.
- Addition of an Erosion, sedimentation and hydrologic assessment report by Martin Trso, page 199.07.
- Addition of a well and pump test, page 187.2.
- Changes made to the ECP as a result of the above mentioned reports, pages 203 and 204.
- Addition of a Sustainable Integrated Pest Management Plan, page 56.6 and Appendix W, pages 204.12- 204.23.
- A report of vineyard acreage limitation and impact of Napa County ordinance 1219 on the project area, page 13 and Appendix C pages 184.91 – 184.92.

- The addition of a habitat retention area totaling 37 acres, increased acreage, management practices and limitations placed on the HRA, page 16 and in Appendix C, pages 184.93 – 184.96.
- Additional mitigation reflected by these changes and additions.
- A letter from CAL FIRE clarifying the vineyard conversion and subsequent violation that occurred in 2003, in Appendix W page 201.1 – 204.2
- Updated Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) information to reflect Forest Practice Rules section 919.9 (g), see updated page 93.
- An updated Timber Harvesting Plan (Appendix A) reflecting changes and new information incorporated in the recirculated mitigated negative declaration.
- The list of adjacent landowners within 300 feet has been updated as of 12-16-09, see updated, page 155.
- The notification to downstream water users has been updated; see pages 157.1, 157.2, 157.3.